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To: District and Area Managers

From: Deputy State Director, Resource Services

Subject: Implementation of Pierson and Culp Reports on Wild Horses and Burros

As required per Washington Office Instruction Memorandum (IM) 98-04, each state should be in the process of implementing the Pierson and Culp Reports. Many of the recommendations have already been met or will be implemented by the National Program Office or Washington Office. However, as discussed with your staff, there are several items that must be implemented at the field level by the field office managers. The following is a summary of those items and the steps that will be taken to insure their completion. Canon City District will continue to be responsible for all applications for adoption, adoption events, and titling.

1. Culp Recommendation I.D. (Compliance and Titling): Contact 100 percent of all adopters within six months of adoption either by phone call or compliance visit. If an adopter receives a compliance visit within six months of adoption, there is no need for a phone call. District Offices will be responsible for contacting adopters and making compliance visits for those adopters within their jurisdiction.

2. Culp Recommendation I.E. (Compliance and Titling): Increase number of compliance visits. Colorado has received the randomly generated list of 167 adopters that require a physical compliance check in fiscal year 1998. Seventy-five percent of these compliance checks have been completed. If a compliance visit has not been made, but the adopter submits a title application that has been signed by a veterinarian or brand inspector, and we know of no other problems, this will suffice for a compliance inspection.

The list of mandatory compliance inspections was sent to field offices several months ago. Again, each

office is responsible for conducting the mandatory compliance visits within their area of jurisdiction. Copies of compliance inspections shall be forwarded to the Canon City District Office so that they can be retained in the official adopter files.

3. Culp Recommendation I.L. (Compliance and Titling): Continue current policy of responding to 100 percent of complaints about treatment of adopted animals. Each office is required to keep a log of complaint calls. Eventually, this information will be entered into the compliance database and can be tracked.

4. Culp Recommendation II.A. (Employee Adoptions): The Washington Office

IM 98-05 addresses adoptions by employees, their immediate families, and wild horse and burro program contractors. In addition to the measures outlined in the memorandum, Bureau of Land Management employees, immediate family members, and wild horse and burro contractors will be required to pay at least the minimum adoption fee of \$25 for orphaned foals.

5. Culp Recommendation III.B. (Wild Horse and Burro Database): It is anticipated that the new wild horse and burro compliance database will not be useable until early next fiscal year. Therefore, for fiscal year 1998, Canon City District will be responsible for reporting end-of-year compliance information that includes the phone calls and any compliance visits. The information will not be entered into the database, but will be based on the written log kept in Canon City.

The Canon City District has nearly completed the phone calls for all adopters in Colorado who have adopted between October 1, 1997, and April 30, 1998. Due to the delays with implementation of the compliance database, Canon City will continue to make phone calls for those adopters who adopt through August 31, 1998. After August 31, 1998, the office of jurisdiction will be responsible for making the calls and entering the data. The suggested format for those phone calls is included in the attachments.

A wild horse and burro database training course for Colorado has been postponed until next fiscal year. The course will be held at the Denver Service Center and will focus on use of the new compliance database and retrieval of information from the adoption and herd area databases. After completion of this course, field offices will be responsible for obtaining appropriate information from the database to make phone calls and entering all data with regard to compliance in their area of jurisdiction.

6. Culp Recommendation III.C. (Wild Horse and Burro Database): Provide one person in each office that is responsible for management of the wild horse and burro database and include this responsibility as a performance element. This person will be responsible for input of all compliance data and for retrieving information from the database as needed. The Canon City District will continue to provide overall direction and input all gather and adoption data for the state.

7. Culp Recommendation VI.C. (Management and Accountability): Prepare an annual status report on

goals and objectives for each herd management area. The National Program Office will provide the format for this information. Those Resource Areas with herd management areas will be expected to prepare the report and provide it to the State Office by mid-September.

Until training is provided for the field offices, the Canon City District will provide reports to the field offices concerning adoption and compliance information as needed when requested.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please call Fran Ackley at 719-269-8500.

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Attachments

- 1 - Wild Horse and Burro Adoption/Compliance Telephone Contact Form
- 2 - Wild Horse and Burro Compliance Checklist for Phone Contacts